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STOXX CHANGES COMPOSITION OF BLUE-CHIP INDICES

Regular Annual Review to be effective on September 19, 2011

ZURICH (August 31, 2011) - - STOXX Limited, the market-moving provider of innovative, tradable and global index concepts, today announced the results of the regular annual review of the **STOXX Blue-Chip Indices**, among them the **STOXX Europe 50**, **EURO STOXX 50**, **STOXX Nordic 30** and **STOXX EU Enlarged 15 indices**; as well as the results of the second semi-annual review of the **STOXX Eastern Europe 50 Index**. All changes will be effective with the open of European markets on September 19, 2011.

The following stocks will be added to and deleted from the **STOXX Europe 50 Index**:

Additions	Deletions
UNILEVER PLC (U.K., Food & Beverage, ULVR.L)	GRP SOCIETE GENERALE (France, Banks, SOGN.PA)
LVMH MOET HENNESSY (France, Personal & Household Goods, LVMH.PA)	INTESA SANPAOLO (Italy, Banks, ISP.MI)
NATIONAL GRID (U.K., Utilities, NG.L)	NOKIA (Finland, Technology, NOK1V.HE)
AIR LIQUIDE (France, Chemicals, AIRP.PA)	UNICREDIT (Italy, Banks, CRDI.MI)

The following companies will be entering and exiting the **EURO STOXX 50 Index**:

Additions	Deletions
VOLKSWAGEN PREF (Germany, Automobiles & Parts, VOWG_p.DE)	ALSTOM (France, Industrial Goods & Services, ALSO.PA)
INDITEX (Spain, Retail, ITX.MC)	CREDIT AGRICOLE (France, Banks, CAGR.PA)

The following stocks will be added to and deleted from the **STOXX Nordic 30 Index**:

Additions	Deletions
SWEDBANK (Sweden, Banks, SWEDa.ST)	SKANSKA B (Sweden, Construction & Materials, SKAb.ST)
SEADRILL (Norway, Oil & Gas, SDRL.OL)	VESTAS WIND SYSTEMS (Denmark, Oil & Gas, VWS.CO)

The following stocks will be added to and deleted from the **STOXX EU Enlarged 15 Index**:

Additions	Deletions
PKNORLEN (Poland, Oil & Gas, PKNA.WA)	KRKA (Slovenia, Health Care, KRKG.LJ)

The **STOXX Global 150**, **STOXX Global 200**, **STOXX Americas 100**, **STOXX All Europe 100**, **STOXX Asia 100**, **STOXX Pacific 50**, **STOXX BRIC 100**, **STOXX Latin America 50**, **STOXX Sub Balkan 30** and **STOXX Eastern Europe 50 indices** are also part of this regular quarterly review. Additions to and deletions from these indices will be published after the close of markets on September 1 at http://www.stoxx.com/download/indices/methodology/blue_chip_changes.xls.

Furthermore, the **STOXX France 50**, **STOXX Italy 20**, **STOXX Spain 20**, **STOXX UK 50**, **STOXX USA 50**, **STOXX Canada 50**, **STOXX Hong Kong 50**, **STOXX Japan 50**, **STOXX Singapore 20** and **STOXX Australia 50 indices** are part of this regular quarterly review. The new composition of these indices can be found on their respective pages at www.stoxx.com on September 19, 2011.

Changes made to the blue-chip index series are being announced today after the conclusion of the regular annual review. The review is based on the blue-chip rules published on www.stoxx.com using the September 2011 blue-chip selection lists. The selection lists are based on the stocks in the corresponding benchmark indices and their free-float market capitalization as of August 31, 2011. The component selection lists that are used for the 2011 annual STOXX Blue-Chip Index review are based on the Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB).

The underlying component data – new numbers of shares and free-float factors – will be announced on September 14, 2011 and reflect all corporate actions effective before the above changes are implemented on the third Friday of September (September 16). The changes will be effective with the opening of markets on the next trading day, Monday, September 19, 2011.

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Note to Editors:

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